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ACTIVATE!

Shane Lynch from Boyzone with the Sir Chromalot team

FIVE with the Disco Inferno team

This is the moment when the lads from FIVE took on Boyzone's Shane Lynch in a battle of the bands Robot Wars style. See page 8 for a full report!

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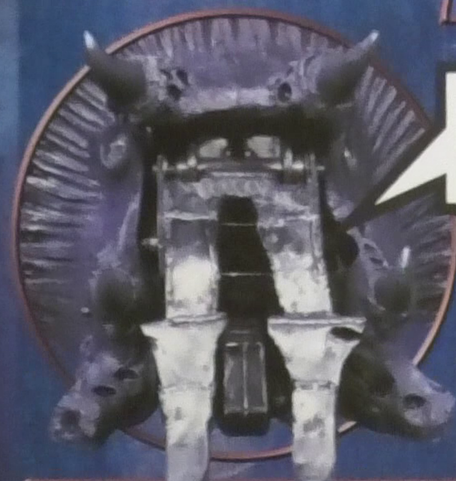

You know, people often ask me: 'Matilda, what's it like working with all those nasty, noisy boy robots?' And I always reply the same way: 'flipping BRILLIANT!' Just because I'm a girl, it doesn't mean I'm not as tough as the others. I had a chance to prove it recently as I got to hang out with those bad boys of pop group FIVE. The only problem was, every time I went near them, they ran away. Oh, well. You can get the full story when the Robot Wars celebrity special is screened over the Christmas holiday. In the meantime, check out our exclusive behind the scenes report. Kissy, kissy. MATILDA

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Six robots, five battles, two lifting ramps and one awesome axe – that'll be heat E then!

HEAT E

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MAJOR DAMAGE!

"Come on let's play, destroy and slay!"
JONATHAN PEARCE

CONTESTANT ROBOTS

DOMINATOR 2

101

HENRY 2

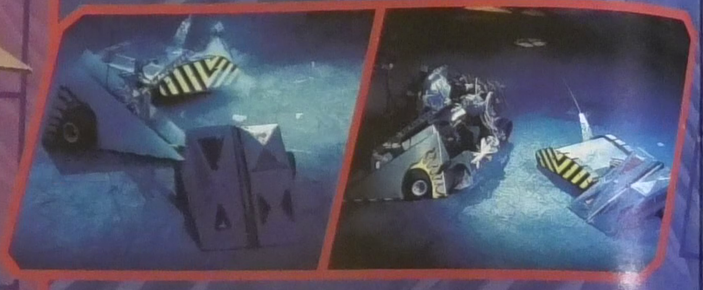
SHADOW OF NAPALM

MAJOR TOM

DISCO INFERNO

ELIMINATOR 1

Dominator 2, 101 and Henry 2. Petrol driven robot Henry 2 chokes early on after one mighty blow from Dominator's deadly axe. Henry falls down the pit and is eliminated.



ELIMINATOR 2

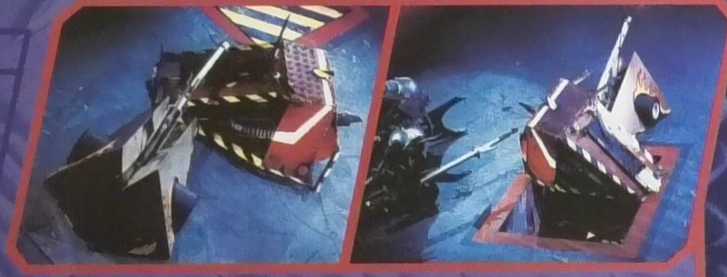
Shadow of Napalm, Major Tom and Disco Inferno. Napalm and and Major Tom fight it out with their lifting ramps. Disco Inferno is more like a disco disaster and goes out.

SUMO BASHO

"There's a gruesome grin on the face of Maverick," says Jonathan Pearce, after Maverick's 9.07 seconds score, "but the last laugh was with Shunt." But the last laugh is really with X-Terminator who holds out a superb 60 seconds in a head-to-head deadlock with Shunt.

MAJOR TOM VS 101

Major Tom's body shell is made from an old water barrel, and 101 makes it spring leaks. Tom's flipper is mangled and it loses its head in an axe attack from Shunt. An awesome battle.



DOMINATOR 2 VS NAPALM

Dominator 2 gets stuck into Shadow of Napalm – literally. The two robots have to be separated by Refbot. Dominator pushes Shadow over the pit and is shoved in by Matilda.

PINBALL

Spawn defeats all of the house robots and lights up all the tyres. A massive score of 245 takes Spawn straight to the top of the leaderboard. This causes Craig to say "You know I'm sure I saw them tilting the arena."

HEAT FINAL

DOMINATOR 2 VS 101

These two fast and furious bots push each other about the arena like mad. Dominator 2's awesome axe looks more powerful than ever, punching holes out of 101's aircraft grade aluminium shell. "Look at the top," yells Jonathan Pearce, "you could pour salt out of that!" 101 gets stuck on an arena wall spike. Dominator lives up to its name and goes through to the semis.

CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

"You can keep your chihuahuas and your cute labradors, 'cos we only have pitbulls on Robot Wars!"

SUPERBOTS

What would you do if you could change Sir Killalot any which way you liked? Here's what you suggested...

SIR KILLALOT MORE!

Beth Knowles, from Nebo, would add an executioner's axe with extra chopping range, to cut robots in half

Sir K's already deadly crushing pincers would be twice as dangerous if Tim Streather from Burntwood had his way – with sharp teeth and a telescopic piercing lance

Sir K's weak spot – his roll cage – is protected with these mean Matilda-style fins and spikes, thanks to Chris Prescott from Litchfield

Benjamin Weekes, from Docklands, feels that giving Sir K a flamethrower means he won't have to wait for Bash to set opponents on fire once they're in his grip

Mike Crowton, from Ealing, thinks Sir K's red eyes should be able to fire lethal laser-beams

Illustrator John Ross explains the exciting changes he's made to Sir K for the cover picture:
"The lance is electrified so that when it hits another robot it would blow it to bits. There is also a laser attached to the side of the lance. I've put a magnetic crane above the arm – it would have to be a very strong magnet but then it could pick robots off the arena floor. The spiked ball above the pincer arm is actually on a chain – it fires out from Sir K and can snap back in again. Sir K now has added turbo-power – that's why he's flying through the wall!"

Matthew Knott, from Birmingham, reckons Sir K should have a hydraulic punching metal gauntlet on the end of his lance

Peter Ellis, from Bexhill, gives Sir K a Shunt-style plough so he can use his weight and speed to crush robots against the side of the arena

This Spinning buzz-blade means no robot will dare attack Sir K from behind, says Tony Pembroke from Southampton

Illustration by Dave Jukes

Have you got ideas for changes you would make to the house robots? Send them in to us at the magazine!

When famous people get hold of contestant robot remote controllers, there's bound to be trouble!

CELEBRITY BASH UP!

CHRIS EUBANK AND KILLERTRON

Killertron has put on a giant boxing glove and a monocle to be teamed up with the boxer Chris Eubank. Let's hope the glove packs a mighty robot punch.

HE SAYS "Apparently I was head and shoulders above anybody else in the practice run. I'm going to show extreme viciousness. They may be sneaky, I may be clever, I may be aggressive, they may be cunning."

WE SAY Chris might know what he's doing in the boxing ring, but he's never KO'd a robot before – a bit too confident, perhaps?

SHANE LYNCH AND SIR C

Shane is well known for his love of monster trucks so you might say he's been well matched!

SHANE SAYS "It's quite easy – there's only one control. So, y'know, left, right, forward – piece o' cake."

WE SAY Forget about Boyzone, Shane, you're in the Botzone now. And that doesn't involve singing but mad mashing!

FIVE AND DISCO INFERNO

Boy band FIVE's robot has been slicky snazzed up with funky FIVE decals but that won't stop it choking early on as it's been known to do.

FIVE SAY ABS: "We're all going to have a go at operating it. It's all about having a laugh, d'you know what I mean?"
J: "I think we stand a good chance."

WE SAY One of the FIVE boys is missing – perhaps he's scared of the competition. But with four left, we predict they'll do better than the Disco team did in Heat E.

VIC REEVES AND DIOTOIR

Comedy superstar Vic Reeves has been well teamed with the wacky Diotoir crew, meaning frying pans, rubber bottoms and one giant pair of glasses all over the arena!

VIC SAYS "Apparently we can't fire the iron pancakes, which is a bit of a let down."

WE SAY Reeves will do well – after all, you're not supposed to hit a robot wearing glasses.

NATALIE CASSIDY WITH IRON AWE

"My brother, who is eighteen years older than me, got me a remote-control Ferrari. I was about seven or eight and I used to love it. All the other kids had Barbies and stuff, but I had my remote control car. So I've had a bit of practice with the remote control."

ADAM WOODYATT WITH PUSSYCAT

"I don't know why they call it Pussycat because it ain't no Pussycat! In the practice arena I managed to damage the safety fence without the blade spinning, so what's it going to be like when it's spinning round?"

WENDY AND ANTHEA TURNER WITH GEMINI

ANTHEA: "They call it Gemini, but they didn't realise that we are both Gemini star signs so it's very, very appropriate. We think they're cute and it'll be awful if they get damaged."
WENDY: "Killalot is really menacing – I think ours are actually quite pretty."

SHAUNA LOWRY AND WILD THING

"I've just tried the controls. It was quite easy, to be honest. The good thing about it is it's tipped to be fast so I just have to watch the old handbrake turns. Just the slightest touch and it goes spinning in a circle."

Find out what happens on Celebrity Robot Wars over Christmas on BBC2

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GRUDGE MATCH

DOMINATOR 2 vs WEL-DOR vs BERSERK 2

A ROBOT WARS ELIMINATOR – THREE ROBOTS ENTER THE ARENA BUT ONLY ONE CAN BE THE WINNER.

ROBOTEERS, STAND BY.

BERSERK 2

BERSERK 2 HAS A REAR LIFTING DEVICE AND A DEADLY PINHEAD AXE.

THREE...

BERSERK 2

WEL-DOR ALSO HAS A PIN AXE – AND A FLIPPER.

TWO...

DOMINATOR 2 HAS A TITANIUM SHELL WITH A PLASMA NITRIDE COATING.

ONE...

...AND A PIN AXE!

LET THE BATTLE OF THE AXES BEGIN.

ACTIVATE!

WEL-DOR FLIPS OVER BERSERK 2.

GOOD JOB WEL-DOR'S FLIPPER WORKS AS A SRIMECH*

Sht-oom!

*SELF-RIGHTING MECHANISM.

DOMINATOR AND WEL-DOR TAKE IT IN TURNS TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF BERSERK 2.

BERSERK 2 LOOKS MORE BERK THAN BERSERK!

THWACK!

SMACK!

BERSERK 2

THAT'S GOTTA HURT!

THOK!

THE BLOW BOUNCE OFF DOMINATOR 2'S SUPER TOUGH SHELL.

spang!

clang!

BUT BERSERK 2 ENDS UP WITH MORE HOLES THAN A TEA BAG.

THUNK!

BERSERK

CLUNK!

WEL-DOR AND BERSERK 2 FIRE THEIR AXES...

BUT WHAT'S THIS? WEL-DOR AND BERSERK 2 ARE STUCK TOGETHER!

GRRR-RRR!

SCREEEEE

THEY'VE BECOME A SITTING TARGET FOR DOMINATOR 2!

SMASH!

DOMINATOR 2 SLAMS *BOTH* ROBOTS INTO THE PIT.

SCHTOOOM!

BES

CEASE!

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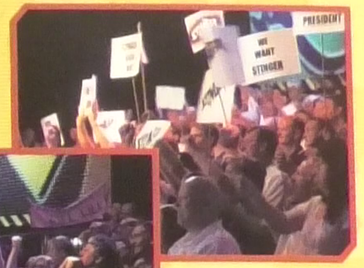
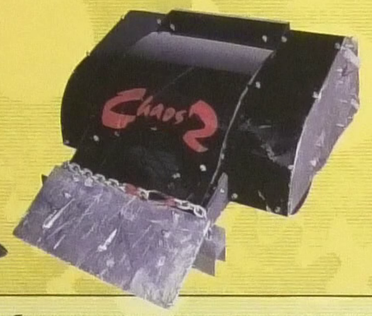
ROBOT MAYHEM

The Robot Wars live event, Robot Mayhem, which was a massive sucess last summer, is coming to a city near you in the near future. The show will visit five major cities in the United Kingdom during 2001, so keep visiting the RW website for details – you don't want to miss the best live show ever, or the sight of Matilda sawing logs!



BARBIE BEWARE!

Start saving your pocket money now! Two more Battling Bot robot toys are due to hit the shops in March. This time it's Chaos 2, with a spring-loaded flipper and six traffic cone accessories for the bot to knock over. Also Razer, with spring-loaded crushing claw, and a ramp and three barrels. We want some!



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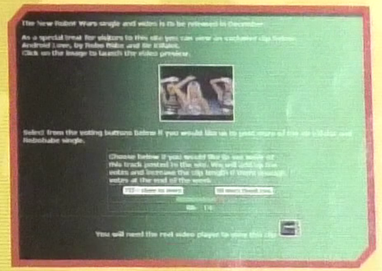

If you fancy sneaking a peek at the new Killalot video (see pages 20-21), then log on to the RW website, where the RW webmaster has posted a clip. You can even vote to see more clips, and order the single online.

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TOP OF THE BOTS

RWM spoke to house bot Sir Killalot about his new career as a pop star – plus we bring you the words to the cool new single!

What do you think of your song?
It rocks – because I'm on it.

How did you like going into the recording studio?
The door wasn't wide enough to get in so I bulldozed a hole in the wall.

How did you get on with Robo Babe?
She did her vocals online, so I haven't met her yet. I'm glad 'cause I reckon she's after me.

Is she tough?
She's very tough. And smart as well. A wicked combination.

How would you like to get to the Christmas number one spot?
I don't need Christmas to be number one – Sir K is always number one. You should know that!

So you don't fancy being on Top of the Pops then?
Why would I want to be on Top of the Pops when I could be out smashing up robots?

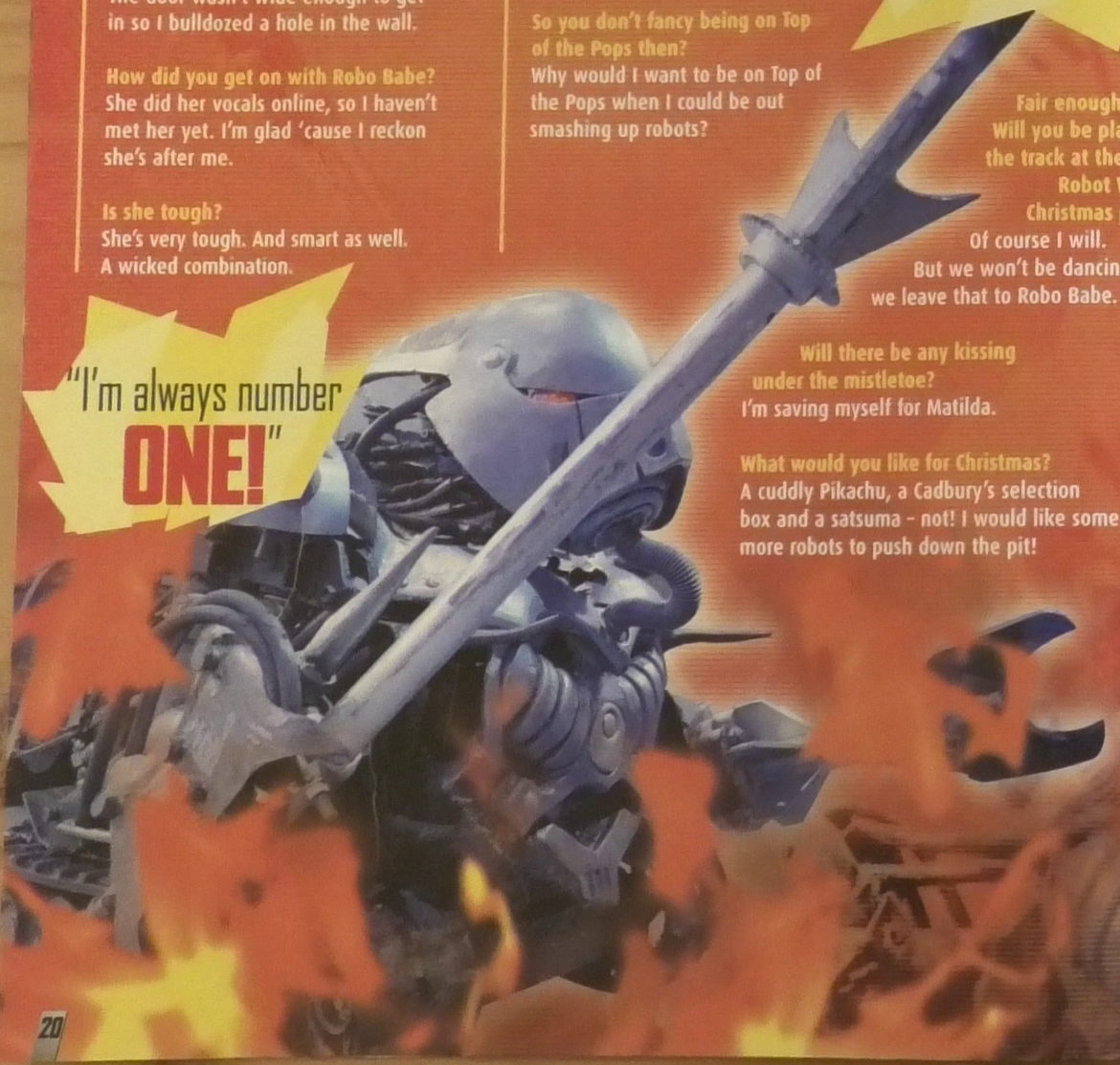
"I wanna smash **BOTS**"

Fair enough! Will you be playing the track at the Robot Wars Christmas party?
Of course I will. But we won't be dancing – we leave that to Robo Babe.

Will there be any kissing under the mistletoe?
I'm saving myself for Matilda.

What would you like for Christmas?
A cuddly Pikachu, a Cadbury's selection box and a satsuma – not! I would like some more robots to push down the pit!

"I'm always number **ONE!**"



ANDROID LOVE SONGWORDS

Three, two, one – activate!
You know you cannot win with Sir Killalot
T minus countdown
All systems ready for combat
Activate section 5

SIR K
Push button, remote control,
Hammer to androids ready to roll with
a slash from Sergeant Bash
Mashed by the Dead Metal
Sir Killalot's gotta plot to unsettle
The sacrificial programme on silicon slaughter
Electro armour plated devastatin' kinda torture
War on wheels the iron and steel
Reel round to pound you down
Make you gonna feel the end is nigh

Three, two, one, activate!

ROBOBABE CHORUS
Don't let the arms of war enclose you
When you can let desire enfold you
Love circuitry, it dominates me
My programme's pleasure-made she-droid
Yes, I was only built to please
What's happening to me?
Brought me to my knees,
Is this android love?

SIR K
I see your circuits searin',
you're worse for wearin'
I shatter your, shatter your shell
I can hear your hull tearing

Sir Killalot got a lust
for maiming
They ain't claiming
I'm heading for failure
in full regalia on fire, wire,
The funeral pyre gets higher,
That's where you fit
He puts him in the fire pit

Three, two, one, activate!

REPEAT CHORUS

M8, come on, come on,
come on Sir Killalot
Warning! Warning! Warning!
Resistance is futile
Automatic self-destruct

Three, two, one, activate!
Too late sucker
Let combat commence, let
the battle begin X3
Which robot's gonna win?

Cease!

Music published by Dan Fox

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SINGERS

ROBOBABE & SIR K

HOW TO KILL

MATILDA

She's been flipped a few times, but she's still no pushover – here's how to mangle the iron maiden!

ARMOUR
In Series III, Matilda's light, fibreglass shell took a serious thrashing from Hypnodisc's flywheel weapon. It's flimsy – so get in there and trash it!

CHAINSAW
Matilda's 3000rpm chainsaw makes a mighty loud noise but it isn't much use against anything that can move out of the way. So unless your robot is stuck against the arena wall – or in the dreaded clutches of Dead Metal – you should be OK.

HORNS
If you ram Matilda from behind, she might get her horns and tusks stuck in the arena wall.

WHEELS
Matilda's foam-filled wheels are exposed, so if you attack from the side you could get in and shred them. Once immobilised, Matilda's fibreglass shell can be ripped off. Then you might as well flip her!

GROUND CLEARANCE
In Series I, Recyclopse successfully flipped Matilda. Although Matilda is the lightest house robot, you'll still need a mighty powerful flipper to turn Matilda's 116kg bulk on its back.

WIN! WIN! WIN! WI

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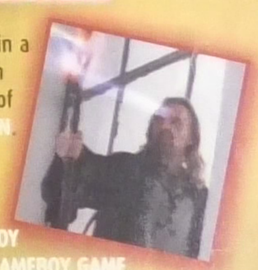

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WHAT IS MERLIN?
A) A GROCER B) A MAGICIAN C) AN ELF

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A creature, a cluster-bot and a cow in a tornado? It can only be the climactic mash-up that was Heat F!

HEAT F

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WHAT A BLAST!

"Will any of these robots survive this heat of death?"
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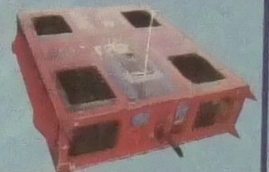

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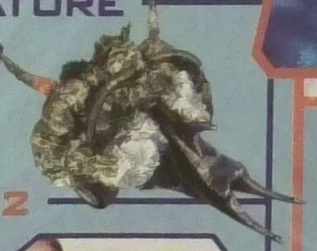
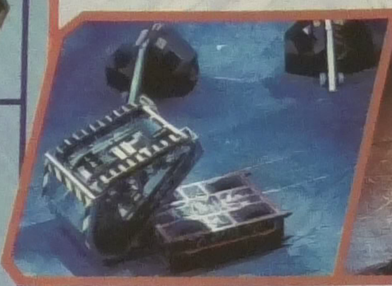


BERSERK 2

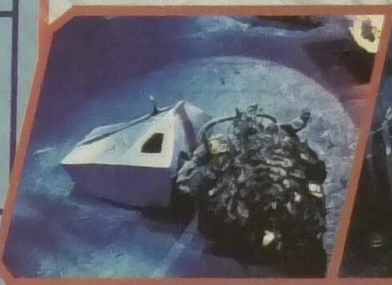
ELIMINATOR 1

Kater Killer, Gemini and Tornado. This a fast fight between three battle-hungry bots. Kater Killer is flipped by Gemini and shoved all around by Tornado. Kater Killer is eliminated.



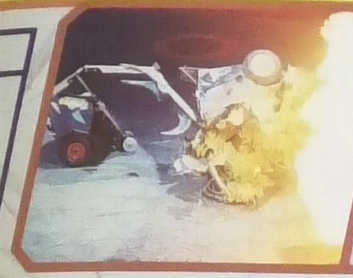
ELIMINATOR 2

Inverterbrat, The Creature and Berserk 2. Compared to the first eliminator, this battle seems like slow motion. Inverterbrat is immobilised early on, and then held over the flames by Sir K.



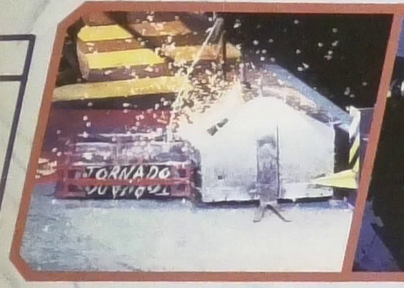
SUMO BASHO

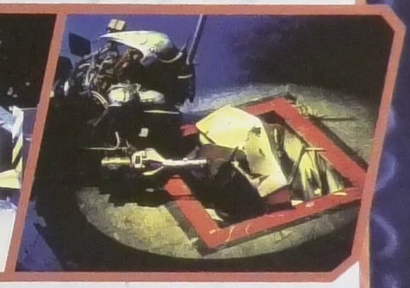
Razer might be the reigning world, and international, champions but they only lasted a disappointing 4.87 seconds in the Sumo Basho tournament. Pussycat left its deadly blade out of the ring and lasted 10.6 seconds before being bulldozed out by Shunt.



THE CREATURE VS GEMINI

"The Creature goes naked," cries Jonathan Pearce as Gemini picks off The Creature's nasty-looking shell. A few seconds later and the stripped-down Creature is flipped right out of the arena!



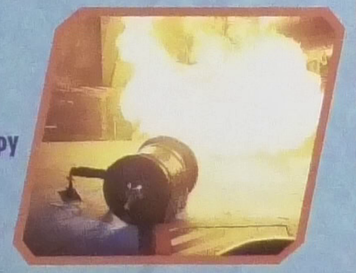


TORNADO VS BERSERK 2

In an awesome display of power, Tornado pushes Berserk around the arena. Sir Killalot dumps Berserk 2 into the pit. A brilliant round for the speedy Tornado bot – shaping up to be a real contender.

PINBALL

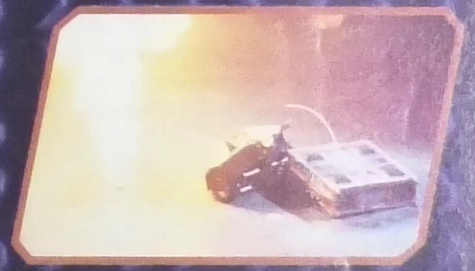
Attila the Drum takes out the barrels with its flail and that's about it. Axlebots such as Attila and Stinger are not the most nippy robots. While Stinger scored a useless 75, poor Attila joins Spikasaurus at the bottom of the table with a rubbish 40 points.



HEAT FINAL

TORNADO VS GEMINI

This is a real battle of the giants. Gemini splits into two at the start of the fight. Tornado keeps ramming one of the Gemini twins up against the arena walls until it finally gives up the robo-ghost. Its twin tries to flip-start it but fails. With one half down and out, the Gemini team are eliminated. How the mighty have fallen! Tornado go through.



CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

"I've heard a few wolf whistles and a good many 'phwoars', 'cause it's only good-looking robots on Robot Wars!"

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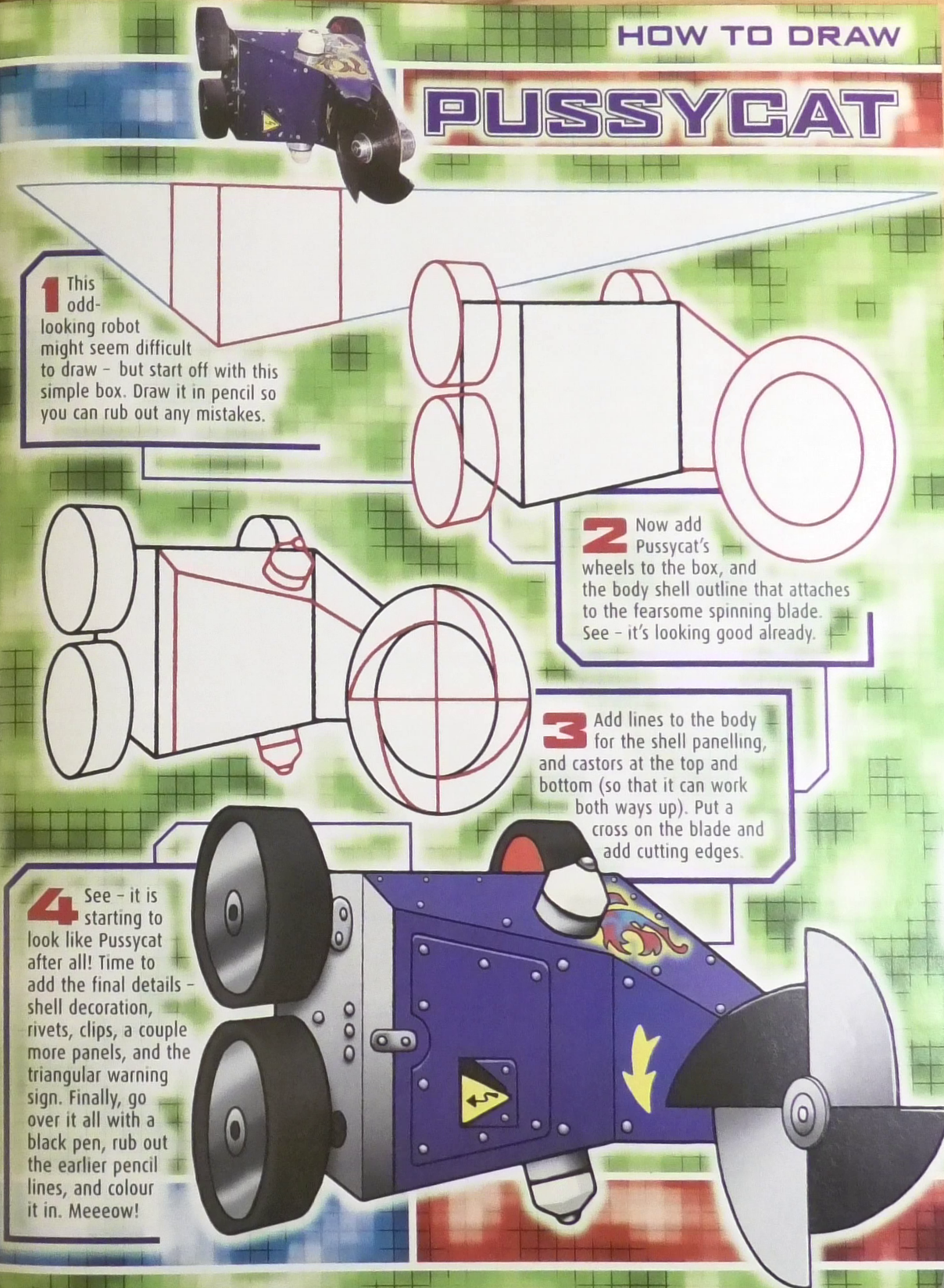


1 This odd-looking robot might seem difficult to draw – but start off with this simple box. Draw it in pencil so you can rub out any mistakes.

2 Now add Pussycat's wheels to the box, and the body shell outline that attaches to the fearsome spinning blade. See – it's looking good already.

3 Add lines to the body for the shell panelling, and castors at the top and bottom (so that it can work both ways up). Put a cross on the blade and add cutting edges.

4 See – it is starting to look like Pussycat after all! Time to add the final details – shell decoration, rivets, clips, a couple more panels, and the triangular warning sign. Finally, go over it all with a black pen, rub out the earlier pencil lines, and colour it in. Meeeow!

ROBOT CLAWS

THERMIDOR

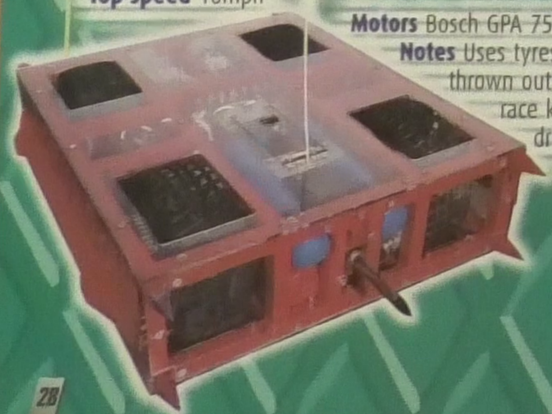
Team Members Dave Harding (Captain), Ian Harvey, Eli Kirkpatrick
From Norwich
Body Box steel chassis covered in thick aluminium
Wheels Two Mini Metro wheels (with a rubber coating instead of tyres) and a castor
Weapons Thermidor Mk I featured a 9" cutting disc at the rear, but this was replaced by a front-mounted flipper before the Fourth Wars

The original Thermidor

Weight 80 X 40 X 25cm
Notes Thermidor is steered tank-style with separately controlled motors driving each wheel
Factoid Knocked out Plunderbird in Series III – but it wasn't difficult cos Plunderbird hardly moved!

TORNADO

Team Members Andrew Marchant (Captain), Bryan Moss, David Gamble
Body 1mm steel chassis with 6mm polycarbon armour
Weight 79.4kg
Dimensions 85 X 70 X 25cm
Top speed 16mph
Motors Bosch GPA 750W
Notes Uses tyres thrown out by race kart drivers



SPIKASAURUS

Team Members Stuart Pearson (Captain), Lee Ainscough, Andrea Whittle
From Chorley, Lancashire
Body Aluminium frame with 1.5mm kevlar shell

Weight 79.4kg
Weapon fixed spikes at front and rear, made from aircraft-grade high-tensile steel
Max. speed 27mph (that's fast!)
Notes Spikasaurus's distinctive paintjob was designed by a GCSE Graphics Art Student at Southlands High School, Chorley

A to Z CONTESTANT ROBOTS

Y is for YOUNG 'UNS
Roboteers just keep getting younger and younger. Michael from Panic Attack, Jo from Big Brother and Richard from Chaos 2 are some of the youngest roboteers on the show. Guaranteed to make the crowd go 'awww'.

Z is for ZEUS
The roboteers who built this Series 3 contestant bot replaced it in Series 4 with a robot called Cronos. They needn't have bothered – Cronos was eliminated after the first fight in Heat D!

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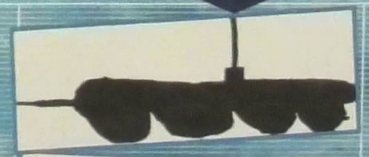
Every letter we print receives a Thunderbirds clock from Wesco (www.wesco.ltd.uk), or a cool Mega Bloks Blok Bot!

from Rowan Parkhouse
I think there should be different kinds of Robot Wars, like RW Boat Attack, with Sir Swimalot and Sgt Splash.
Who would present it? Julia Sea-weed?

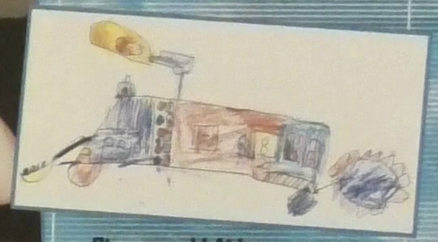


from Mark Buchan
I want to build a robot for Robot Wars but my dad (spoilsport), will not let me, so I have decided to make my own robots from my toy Lego. This is me with a Hypno-Disc model I made.
Right – we're sending the house robots round to sort your dad out!

Nine-year-old Jack Penn sent in these designs of his robots Rapid Ranger, Submerged and Death Canal. The last two could take part in Rowan Parkhouse's RW Boat Attack!

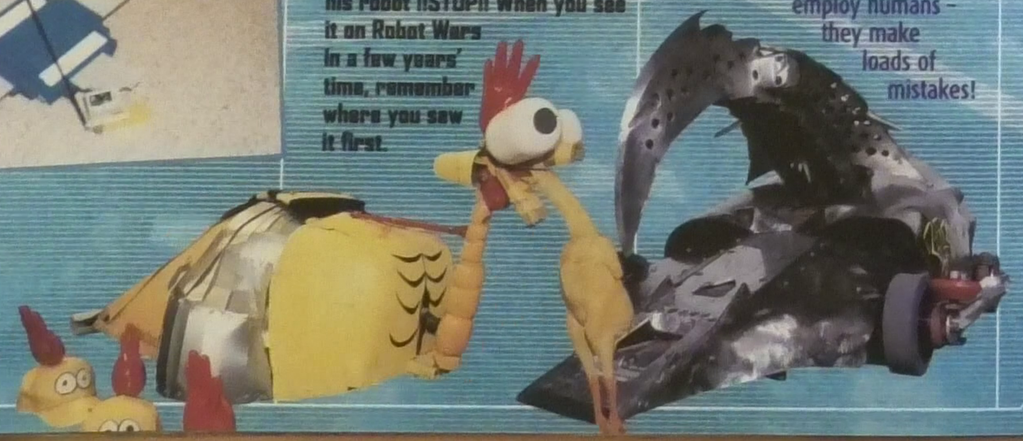
from Peter Gough
If Robot Wars ever thought of bringing out a new house robot, think of the weapons that haven't been used, like a staple gun.
The new house bot could be put to good use in the RWM office – stapling the magazine together.

Crazy Chris Phillips spotted this mad robot on his local High Street in Rye. Have you sighted any bots out and about?

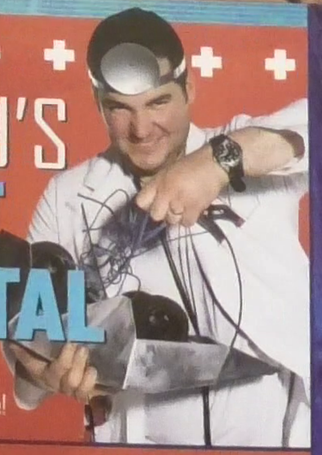


Six-year-old Aidan Graham sent us this design for his robot !!STOP!! When you see it on Robot Wars in a few years' time, remember where you saw it first.

from Robert Faull
I spotted a mistake in last month's issue – on page 25 it says that Robochicken is cut to ribbons by Razer, when Razer wasn't even fighting in that heat.
Editor Matilda says:
See what happens when you employ humans – they make loads of mistakes!



DR ZULU'S ROBOT HOSPITAL



Got a robot problem?
Ask Diotoir's Dr Zulu for advice!

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
I have built a robot called 'Blockhead'. It is pants, but if I cover it in spotty fur, do you think I will get on TV? After all, it worked for you guys.
From Peter Donovan
>Zulu says: We didn't get where we are today by just covering our robot in fur, Peter. It takes charm, dashing good looks, bucketloads of charisma, and of course, modesty.

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
If there was one thing you could change about the Robot Wars TV show, what would it be?
From Lucy David
>Zulu says: One thing about RW is that it has too many hairy men. I think there should be a lot more women involved. Women have a lot to offer RW. Like.... erm... eh... well it would sure smell a lot better. They'd make good roboteers as well – the women I know love to be in control!

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
Why did you change Nemesis into Diotoir? That flipping arm couldn't lift a sheep! Get a decent srimech before series 5.
From James Williamson
>Zulu says: For your information James, in order to test Diotoir, we actually took it to a nearby farm and flipped various farmyard animals, a sheep among them, so there!

That's it for now. Keep those problems coming in to RWM's e-mail or mail addresses. Trust me – I'm a doctor, after all!

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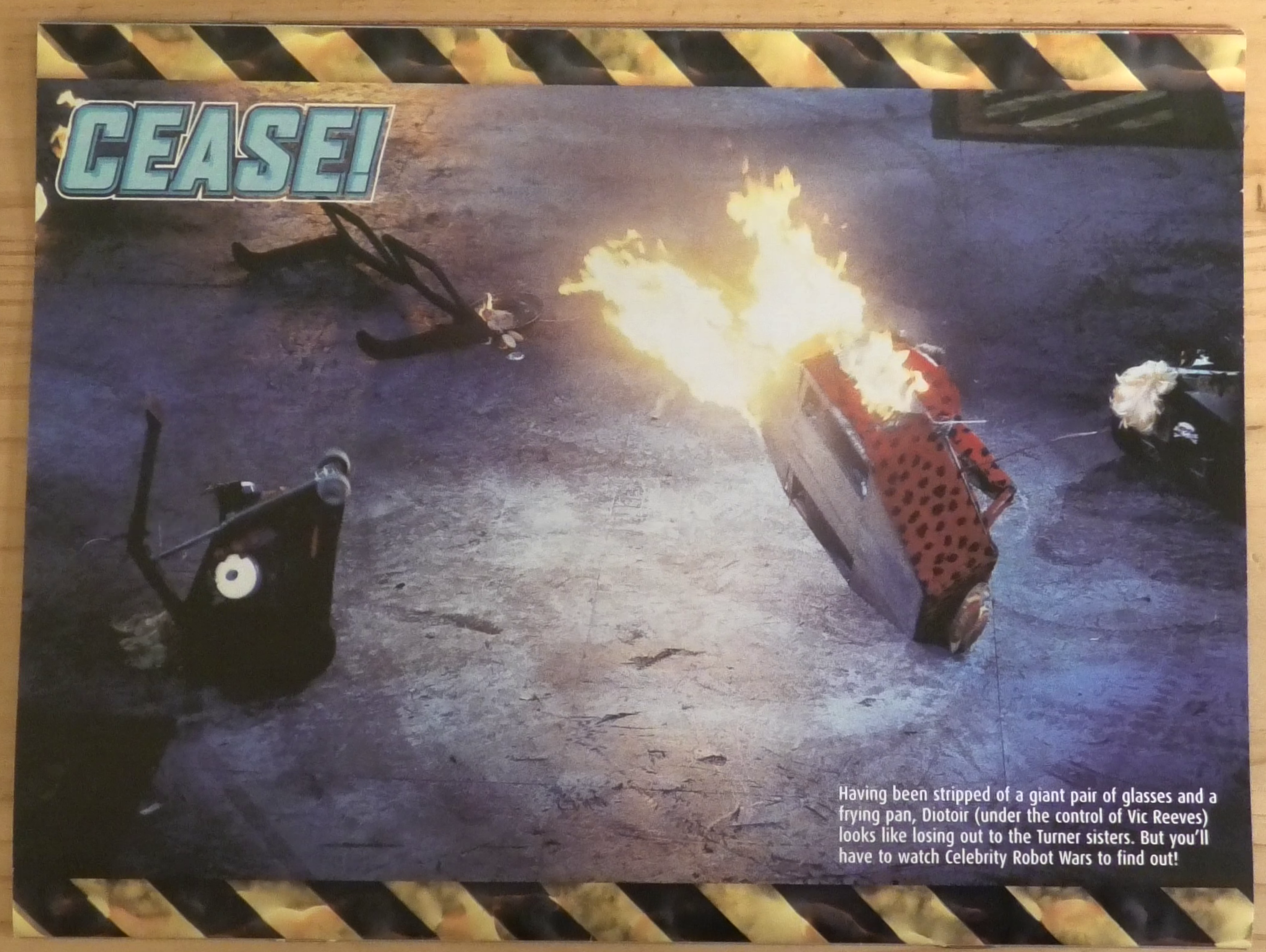

Having been stripped of a giant pair of glasses and a frying pan, Diotoir (under the control of Vic Reeves) looks like losing out to the Turner sisters. But you'll have to watch Celebrity Robot Wars to find out!